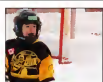




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A Premier visit

Miriam King photo and story, Bradford Times

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, right, paid a visit to Cristina and John Hamby at Gwillimdale Farms, on February 6, where she toured the farm's modern packing plant, and held a stakeholder meeting. Wynne intends to take on the role of Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for at least a year.

John and Cristina Hamby, owners of Gwillimdale Farms, only learned earlier this week that Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne wanted to visit,

February 6, to tour the facilities and hold a stakeholder meeting. Wynne has said repeatedly during her campaign for the premiership, and at a Holland Marsh Growers Association AGM held in Bond Head, she intends to also carry the portfolio of Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs during her first year in office. The meeting at Gwillimdale was a first step. As Wynne told the

gathering, "It's important to meet with stakeholders," to ensure that the Ontario government is getting the right message. With food processing the 2nd largest industry in Ontario, and Agriculture the most diversified sector, "it's very important to me that we get this right." And the message she heard repeatedly, through meetings with producers over the past few

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The cost of OPP Policing

In December of 2011, Bradford West Gwillimbury Town Council voted to ask the Ontario Provincial Police to provide a costing for the delivery of Policing Services. Local politicians were frustrated by ever-increasing policing costs, and an apparent multi-million dollar disparity between the cost of the South Simcoe Police Service, and cost of OPP policing in a similarly-sized municipality such as the Town of New Tecumseth.

After several delays, the OPP has indicated that it will present the Costing next Monday, February 11, in a special meeting of Council, 7 p.m. in BWG Council Chambers.

Since Bradford West Gwillimbury unilaterally decided to pursue an OPP costing, there have been a number of changes. A new South Simcoe Police Chief, Rick Beazley was sworn in, in April of 2012 - and immediately began to pursue efficiencies and cost-saving measures that have effectively trimmed \$1.29 million from the cost of the service.

Bradford West Gwillimbury's partner in the amalgamated South Simcoe Police Service, the Town of Innisfil first agreed to join in the request for a costing, but then voted to delay - instead establishing an ad hoc committee to look at the terms of reference for policing the community, and to define "level of service".

And the 2012 report of the Auditor General of Ontario was released, in which the Auditor noted that crime rates across Canada have declined by more than 40% over the past two decades, fatal motor vehicle collisions have declined, calls for service have remained constant, yet policing costs have continued to climb. From 2007 to 2011, the cost of OPP services for municipalities with contracts

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High price tag, for a family health centre?

Transforming the old library at 100 Holland Court into a satellite Family Health Centre could come with a hefty price tag.

Bill Lett, of Lett Architects Inc., was asked to look at the cost of renovating the building to Ministry of Health standards, and to meet the requirements of the proposed centre, the Southlake Academic Family Health Team, Bradford Family Health Organization, and CML Health Care blood lab.

He suggested that while the building was a "good fit" in terms of space and layout, the cost of the project could be as high as \$2.29 million, including construction, and architectural and professional fees.

"The Town is also facing an additional cost to relocate the Engineering Dept., temporarily housed in the former library. The cost of renovating leased space, at 305 Barris St., was estimated at \$280,000. While \$150,000 is already in the 2013 budget for the relocation,

the remainder would come from the 2012 Operating Budget Surplus, Council was told.

Some Councilors were unhappy with the cost. "That's a pretty expensive building now," said Councillor James Leduc. "Wouldn't it be cheaper to build a whole new building?" "No," said Lett, noting that his company is involved in the construction of a new 26,000 sq. ft. health centre - at a cost of \$320 per sq. ft. The cost of the proposed Bradford renovation is \$160 per sq. ft.

"I'm pretty confident of these numbers. We do a lot of these projects," he told Leduc.

Lett Architects not only designed the old library in 1987, the company has completed over 600 Long Term Care beds in the last decade, and is currently working on over 200,000 sq. ft. of space for seven health care centres across the

province, in addition to the 26,000 sq. ft. Peterborough Medical Arts building.

Lett noted that the renovation will "dramatically increase access to primary care" in Bradford. "The centre is designed to house up to 6 physicians, as well as other members of the health team."

A background study noted that Bradford West Gwillimbury "has a physician/population ratio (that is the) lowest in the Local Health Integration Network, at 32 per million - this situation, left unabated, will rapidly worsen each year as the population increases."

The statistics also show that BWG residents make up 1.8% of urgent visits to Southlake's Emergency Department - but 7.3% of the less urgent or non-urgent visits, reflecting the lack of family physicians.

Council was advised that the

cost of the renovation will be recovered from the tenants, over the life of a long-term lease - if the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care approves the funding for the satellite health centre in its 2013-14 budget.

The project could go to tender as early as May, with construction beginning in July - but "there are some risks with taking the next step, at this point," said Town Manager Jay Currier. If the Ministry does not provide funding, "we would have a difficult time moving forward."

Currier pointed out that there will be "no contractual commitment, until we know for sure the funding is approved for this project."

Noting that 3 of the physicians who will occupy the building are already practising in Bradford, Councillor Ron Simpson protested, "We're

moving 3 doctors sideways into this building. We're moving the blood lab from Holland St. I thought the intent of spending all this money was to get 6 new doctors."

Estimating that the cost of moving Engineering will be closer to \$900,000 over 5 years, when rent is included, Simpson said, "This isn't going to be a cheap project... On top of that, we'd better figure in another set of traffic lights at Holland Court... because the first thing there's going to be an accident there."

Mayor Doug White pointed out that the Health Team is affiliated with Southlake Regional, a teaching hospital, and said he was "very confident" that the project will attract new doctors.

"We also have to have this kind of amenity if we're going to be a complete community," White said, pointing out that

50% of BWG residents do not have a primary physician.

"I know it's a great thing for the community, but I have my concerns," said Leduc. "I just hope we can bring some savings here somewhere."

Council voted unanimously to approve the renovation and proposed plan, and authorize staff to initiate the design and tender documents, in consultation with the Southlake Academic Family Health Team, Bradford Family Health Organization and CML Health Care - but to report back to Council on May 7, before going to tender.

Council also voted to task Manager of Parks & Property Mike O'Hare with overseeing renovations at 305 Barris St., and to sole-source Lett Architects Inc., for the Library renovation.

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Step 2: Preheat the oven to 350F.
Line to 8" pans with parchment paper.

Step 3: In a blender, combine 1/3 cup milk
4 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
Add: 2 cups cooked quinoa
¾ cup butter, melted and cooled
Continue to blend until smooth.

Step 4: Whisk together in a medium bowl: 1 ½ cups white or cake sugar
1 cup unsweetened cocoa
1 ½ tsp. baking powder[2 ¼ cup. if G/F]
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our editorial

Who's being consulted?

We're wondering how many "consultants" become so enamoured of their own expertise, that they begin to adopt a one-size-fits-all approach and ignore input from their clients - they forget to "consult" with the people who hired them.

There was the chap from a well-known firm, hired to do a background study on a proposed Adult Lifestyle community. He found that Bradford didn't have all that many seniors over retirement age, and concluded there wasn't really a need for the proposed development - missing the fact that there were fewer seniors because they had to move away to locales like Newmarket and Barrie to find accommodation.

There was the consultant, hired to help prepare a sign-by-law for the Town, who was so taken with his own

work in tourist town, which brought in strict regulations to help preserve the quaint atmosphere, that he initially proposed a similar approach in Bradford - a commuting town, with heavy traffic, in which visibility of signage is of vital importance.

The same sort of thing may be happening with the Transit feasibility study. Previous studies have identified students, workers, single-car families and seniors as the most likely to use a Bradford public transit system - yet the plan proposed by the consultant would run "community buses" only from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., unlikely to attract a solid ridership.

Town Council has voted to move forward with implementing Transit; hopefully there will be more consultation before the plan is finalized.

Legion launches letter-writing campaign

The Royal Canadian Legion has launched a national letter-writing campaign, asking the federal government to improve the Funeral and Burial Benefits program for Veterans.

The campaign was launched by President Gordon Moore, Executive Director of the Last Post Fund Jean-Pierre Goyer, and Phil Fredette, Government Relations Chair of the Funeral Service Association of Canada, on January 31.

Moore said the Legion has been "disappointed" by government response to the request for improvements. "There should be no doubt that the issue of adequate funeral and burial support is an urgent issue for Second World War and Korean War Veterans. The majority of these men and women are in their 90s; approximately 2,000 pass on each month," Moore said.

The Royal Canadian Legion has been seeking improvements since 2004.

The campaign asks its approximately 330,000 members to write to their MPs, highlighting the need for government action to improve the Funeral and Burial Benefits program.

The Legion is arguing that the rate of \$3,600, to cover the cost of funeral services, is "greatly inadequate and has not been increased since 2001." As well, the survivor estate exemption was reduced in 1995 from approximately \$24,000 to only \$12,000 - which means if a Veteran's estate is valued at more than \$12,000, that person's surviving spouse is ineligible for support.

Not only is the Legion asking for both the benefit and the survivor estate exemption to be increased, it is asking that the eligibility for funeral and burial benefits be granted to low income Canadian Forces veterans.

Canadians who wish to support the campaign can visit the website, www.legion.ca, and write to their MP.



Bradford Alliance Church, on Simcoe Road, hosted a free Community Meal on January 13, 2012. We have truly seen the beauty of the kind and inspirational community in which we are fortunate to live. It is amazing what can happen when a community pulls together to help one another when in need. There is such comfort in knowing we are not alone in this battle - we have so many people standing behind us and helping us through it.

letters to the editor

Thanks for helping Tayah

To the Editor: We would like to thank all of the incredible people and businesses in our community who helped make "Tayah's Benefit Dance" so successful. It was unbelievable how many people came out, and how many people and businesses contributed.



As well, a thank you to all who participated in the Skate for Tayah in November; and to the local businesses who provided space for donation boxes. So many people have shown acts of kindness in so many ways, and for this we are forever grateful.

It has truly made this tough road for Tayah and our family easier to travel. With continued support, we will do everything we possibly can to get Tayah better, and to help our family through these difficult times.

Since Tayah was diagnosed on October 3, 2012, we have truly seen the beauty of the kind and inspirational community in which we are fortunate to live. It is amazing what can happen when a community pulls together to help one another when in need. There is such comfort in knowing we are not alone in this battle - we have so many people standing behind us and helping us through it.

Tayah has a tough journey ahead of her. On February 6 she will undergo major surgery to remove the main tumour from her abdominal area. Following this is more chemotherapy, a bone marrow transplant, twelve rounds of radiation and six months of antibody therapy. Once this is completed, we are looking into a preventative aftercare treatment in Germany for Neuroblastoma, which will cost approximately \$46,000.

We would never wish this to happen to anyone. It is an absolutely horrible situation. However, there is something about this experience that we wish we could share with everyone - that is the true gratitude for the ones that you love, and that nothing else matters.

Be truly thankful for them, because without them, one has nothing. Tayah is an incredible and strong little girl. She inspires us every day, and reminds us of how precious life truly is. We thank everyone who has kept Tayah in their thoughts and prayers, and ask that they please continue to do so. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

Candice and Mark Fairbrother

Plea for common sense

To the editor: Thank you to the residents of
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letters to the editor

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Bradford

for putting out their recycling bins on January 31. I now have 3 big and 1 small blue bins, 1 green bin and 1 large black trash can—all of which I had to remove from my driveway to get into it when returning home from work—as well as their contents, strewn all over my yard.

I mean, really people—weight them down or don't put them out. After all, common sense says if there are high winds, chances are they won't be there when you get home.

I noticed the first blue bin going down the street at 5 a.m., with more following shortly after. Needless to say, we didn't put our blue bins out although they are full—it's not likely they'll stink up the garage, waiting another week.

But then again, I have several more bins now, don't I? It's not like anyone put their house number on them. Whatever, they'll be sitting on my lawn waiting to be claimed—if they don't blow away by then.

Come on, people. Use some common sense. Our town looked like a garbage dump.

Lisa Smart, Bradford

Debt load worries

To the editor: At the last Council meeting, in January, Councilman Simpson expressed concern about the Town's ongoing issue of debt. It was said that it currently takes \$4 million a year to service our outstanding debt. Their concerns were the potential for the real estate market to take a downturn, or interest rates increase.

Mayor Doug White chimed them and expressed his belief that that couldn't happen in BWG. And that people can't buy things without going into debt.

On January 29, Moody's downgraded the ratings of Canadian banks because of their concern about the over-valued housing market and interest rates in Canada. The Globe and Mail quoted Fitch, another ratings service, as identifying a record level of consumer indebtedness as a reason for downgrading.

As an added note, I was also told that new house permits are down 21% from last year in BWG.

Thank you to our Councilors who brought this up: as a taxpayer and resident, I too am concerned. In the U.S. there are any number of cities and towns that banked on growth to pay the bills, and now have half-built and deserted housing subdivisions, new police stations with no police, and bridges that go nowhere because there is no money to finish them.

Debt should be manageable. There should be contingency plans. And we should remember that it is not "if" there will be a downturn or interest rates will go up, it's when.

Meade Helman, Bond Head

GOing, GOing, GOne?

To the editor: In response to your article of January 3, "Blowing the Whistle on GO."

First, please acknowledge that I am not a voice in the wilderness, that as far back as July a local meeting drew a standing-room-only crowd. On the agenda were GO train horns—with no help for the welfare of the residents—and odors from the Wastewater treatment plant; again, no help.

This morning I lay awake at 6:15 a.m., and listened to 17 horn-blowing exercises, for one train. Enough is enough.

Barrie has stopped this. Ajax has stopped it. Whatever the cost, the horn-blowing should be stopped.

The trains are now heavier, pulled by larger locomotives, the ground trembles for quite a distance at each transit, all to benefit our neighbours to the north, who have given themselves the gift of peace and quiet.

Peter Bailey, Bradford

At the Danube Leisure Centre

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre is located at 715 Simcoe Rd., south of Bradford. For information on programs and events, call 905-775-0612.

Coming up:

• The next Seniors' Health Seminar will take place Thursday, February 14—Valentine's Day! Appropriately, the speaker will be Al Steele of the Ontario Heart & Stroke Foundation, with a presentation on the **Care and Protection of Your Heart**: Recognizing warning signals of possible malfunction, how to deal with them, and ways to keep your heart happy and healthy! The seminar will take place from 11 a.m. to noon, followed by lunch—only \$6 for members, \$7 for non-members.

• **Birthdays Luncheon** on Thursday, February 21, starting at 11:30 a.m., drop in for great lunch of Fish and Chips, vegetables, Salads and Dessert—only \$8 for members, \$9 for non-members.

• **Movie Afternoon** on Saturday, March 2, at 1 p.m. Drop in to see "The Help" (2011), a movie about women in the American South, during the turbulent 1960s Civil Rights movement. Only \$3 per person, includes popcorn and refreshments.

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Stroke Prevention

CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors) and the Central East Stroke Network will be presenting a free Workshop on Healthy Aging and Stroke Prevention, Thursday, February 14 from 10 to 11 a.m. at CHATS Med/Clinic. The office is located at 448 Holland St. West (Hakim Optical place). Free but please pre-register at 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6211.

Bradford Legion

Friday Night Meat Rolls take place every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford. Come out, enjoy a light dinner for a nominal fee—and perhaps win the meat for Saturday Dinner. All welcome.

Play Euchre, on the 3rd Saturday of every month, 1 p.m. All welcome!

Do you want to stand behind our troops and veterans, enjoy comradeship and activities, and support youth programs in the community? Consider membership in the Legion. For more information, contact Donna at 905-775-5025.

Addressing rising concerns about seniors' falls

Submitted by CHATS—Community & Home Assistance to Seniors

Did you know...?

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- One in three seniors will experience a fall each year, and half of those more than once.
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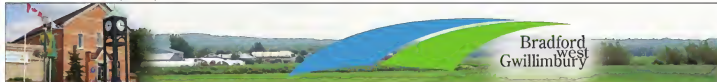
As the proportion of elderly in our population continues to increase, preventing falls takes on even greater importance. The CHATS Falls Prevention Committee works to inform clients and their families about what they can do to reduce the chance of a fall and to keep healthy and independent in their home for as long as possible.

The strategy emphasizes education and training for all staff, volunteers, clients and caregivers. Topics include winter falls, safety products, dealing with sensory loss, nutrition, foot care and chronic disease management, such as osteoporosis, all of which can be contributing factors to falls.

Personalized in-home assessments include on-going verbal and print education about falls prevention. Staff determine the history of falls and risk of future falls or injuries, identify areas in the home that can be improved to enhance mobility and limit the risk of falling, identify changes in clients' health condition, mobility, hearing and eyesight, and more.

Falls prevention tips

- Falls can be attributed to environmental causes—such as inadequate lighting, obstacles such as foot rests, loose rugs, open drawers, or water on the floor. Ensure your home is well-lit and free from clutter and potential trip hazards.
 - Consider home safety devices, such as grab bars, handrails, nightlights, raised toilet seat, bath seat or shower chair.
 - Consider mobility devices, such as walkers, canes or scooters, and wear supportive footwear.
 - Stay active and work on improving your balance, flexibility and strength.
 - Eat healthy, nutritious meals—this helps keep your bones strong and helps medications to work effectively.
 - Review your medications with your healthcare provider. Medications can cause side effects that could lead to a fall.
 - Know how to get help if a fall occurs. Have someone check on you daily, even if just by phone. Consider the CHATS Telephone Reassurance program (and it's free!). Keep a list of emergency numbers near the phone. Always have a way to call for help. Keep a cell phone with you at all times, and consider a personal medical alarm device, such as CHATS Philips Lifeline.
- Established in 1980, CHATS is a not-for-profit charitable organization that supports the health and well-being of seniors and caregivers at home and in the community. Call 905-713-6596 or toll-free 1-866-452-4287, or visit their website, www.chats.on.ca.



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Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole (after Council Meeting): Council Chambers, 57 Holland St. E.

• Tues. Feb. 19/13 @ 7:00 p.m.

Special Meeting of Council

Mon. Feb. 11/13 @ 7:00 p.m., OPP Proposal, Council Chambers, 57 Holland St. E.

BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Active Transportation Committee

Thurs. Feb. 21/13 @ 7:00 p.m., Compton Room, 100 Holland Crt.

Downstream Revitalization Committee

Wed. Feb. 13/13 @ 7:00 p.m., Compton Room, 100 Holland Crt.

Municipal Heritage Committee

Tues. Feb. 12/13 @ 7:00 p.m., Compton Room, 100 Holland Crt.

Senior Housing Committee

Wed. Feb. 20/13 @ 7:00 p.m., Jockman Room, 81 Melbourne Dr.

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Please note that the tax bills were printed prior to the February 1, 2013 penalty and interest being charged and only reflect payments received up to January 25, 2013. Any arrears/past due amounts included on the first instalment due of this tax bill will be subject to additional interest if not paid by January 31, 2013.

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Tender documents may be obtained by registering for this opportunity on-line on the Town's Website as follows:
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Dates: March 11-March 15

NOTICES

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TAKE NOTICE that the Town Administration Centre will be closed for the Family Day holiday on Monday, February 18th, 2013. Regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will resume on Tuesday, February 19th, 2013.

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The forgotten: British Home Children

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Most Canadians have no idea of the history surrounding the British Home Children and the pivotal role they played in the development of Canada - yet it is estimated that 10% of Canadians are descendants of British Home Children.

At the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West. For information call 905-775-3328.

Cookstown Heritage District Study

The Town of Innisfil is currently in the first phase of a Heritage Conservation District Study, to determine if a portion of the Victorian-era village should be designated a 'Heritage Conservation District' and if the designation is supported by the local community.

Residents are invited to come out to the Cookstown Public Library on Tues., February 19 at 6:30 p.m., to share their thoughts and ideas. Representatives from the Town of Innisfil and MMM Group Ltd. will provide information on a Heritage Conservation District, and listen.

Show & Tell, in Newton Robinson

by Helen Yielding

It was as exciting as Christmas - seeing the packages and boxes arriving at the Tecumseh and West Gwillimbury Historical Society's January Show & Tell meeting. The contents of those packages, and the stories that went with them, brought smiles and pleasure to the audience.

Franz Aschwarden unpacked several of his old books, containing references to local villages - and a 1948 panoramic photograph of Bradford.

Jim Campbell recalled the life of poet Robert Service, and read a few passages from "Rhymes of a Red Cross Man".

June Chambers brought a box of goodies, including several notes from the late 1890s, found under plaster when renovating, and a sample of decorated cow hair plaster from the Chambers' 1860s Orange Hall. The Hall is now the workshop of Bruce Chambers, who makes period furniture - and who demonstrated the difficulty of turning a cabriole leg for a Queen Anne-style table, on his lathe.

Bob Evans' Family Tree traced his ancestors to a local 1818 farm. A 2002 reunion of their descendants filled an arena!

Marilyn Dadds displayed a copy of the "Lennox and Addington History" in which her extended primary school was featured.

Barbara Northwood brought her father's documentation - his attestation papers in 1914, and his Immigration file from 1921 - and Gary Dougherty showed a video presentation,

connecting memories of his home near Liverpool and the Art Gallery of Lady Lever, of Sunlight Soap fame.

Betsy Flood hit a musical note, with her elaborate wheel of tinkling bells, used to announce dinner at her grandparents' home. She fondly recalled the childhood pleasure of turning the handle to summons the diners.

Two items in particular brought out the child in every adult. Dick Abbott displayed his working model of the steam engine that pulled the train carrying Queen Elizabeth and King George VI on their 1939 cross-Canada visit. Abbot engineered and built the model, painted and decorated with the Royal Coat of Arms. And Don Mossey presented a clever video, describing his construction of a 1904 Oldsmobile delivery wagon from the original plans - not yet completed, but Mossey was able to drive the chassis with a driving stick, around his neighbourhood.

Lastly, Dave Chambers offered a guessing game, bringing 3 unusual items from his collection. They turned out to be a pipe auger, a shingling tool for repairing wood-shingled roofs, and a pot pusher, for moving hot pots on a hearth.

On Monday, February 18, join the Society for a program featuring George Burt, wood turner and raconteur. Meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson. Presentation will be followed by a Social Hour. For more information, call 905-775-7144 or 905-936-4066.



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The morning session was described as an opportunity to complete craft projects in a congenial setting, get advice from experts, and enjoy a hearty lunch and social outing.

Over 25 women and girls of all ages came out for the event, which was hosted by the Simcoe South District Women's Institute.

Photo: The Whole Knit and Caboodle was an opportunity to complete a Stuffed Animal kit, and make a toy beaver.



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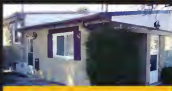
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Say farewell to the penny

The penny will be "retired" this year. The Canadian Mint halted production of the penny in Spring of 2012, and on February 4 of this year, stopped circulating pennies to financial institutions. Pennies will begin to be collected and sent back to the Mint, taking them out of circulation.

A study by the Retail Council of Canada suggests that the burden of phasing out the penny will be borne by Canadian retailers, who will be following the federal government's proposed "rounding guidelines" to round the total to the nearest nickel.

The survey found that many retailers intend to continue providing exact change until their supply of pennies runs out - and then will be doing the rounding by hand, at the cash register (74% of small businesses, 75% of medium businesses). However, 63% of large businesses plan on changing their point of sale systems - at an estimated cost of over \$100,000 per company.

"This of course represents a substantial cost for retailers, to enable them to maintain standardization and meet consumers' needs and expectations," said Diane Brisebois, President and CEO of the Retail Council. She noted that the "rounding" will affect only cash transactions - not electronic forms of payment, such as credit or debit.

The Retail Council of Canada represents more than 45,000 retail stores. It has launched a webpage, "The Penny Stops Here" to provide the answers to frequently-asked

questions, and links for further information. See www.retailcouncil.org/advocacy/national/penny.asp

Give your pennies a big send-off

Tim Hortons is hoping that patrons will put their pennies to work, supporting Tim Horton Children's Foundation programs. Every year, the Foundation collects nearly \$1 million in pennies, dropped into collection boxes at Tim Hortons restaurants in Canada. Until February 24, Tim Horton Children's Foundation is asking Canadians to give their remaining pennies a fond farewell - and donate them to the Foundation, to send kids to camp and leadership programs.

RBC Financial will also be accepting pennies, all this week - billing bags with the loose change that will go to the Free the Children/Me to We "Adopt a Village" clean water project. It takes \$25 to provide clean water for life for one villager - and each specially-sized plastic bag can hold exactly \$25 worth of pennies. No need to count - just come in, drop off the pennies, and help fill a bag, to February 9.

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program is asking Canadians to donate their pennies to help "get kids into the game." Money raised will help financially-disadvantaged children participate in organized sports.

OPP to present Costing

OPP from Page 1

Increased an average of 29% for those without contracts, the average increase was 19% - comparable to other major police services.

The Auditor also noted that according to OPP estimates, "municipalities with and without contracts save on average anywhere from 35% to 60% by using the OPP instead of having their own police forces" - but still recommended that the OPP find ways to simplify and

"make more transparent" its cost-recovery processes, as well as look at phasing in cost increases over time.

The 2013 South Simcoe Police operating budget, as approved by both Innisfil and BWG Councils, will come to a total of \$16.199 million, after grants, divided between the two partners on the basis of assessment, number of households and population. In 2012, Innisfil paid 56% of the cost of policing; Bradford West Gwillimbury 44%.

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Focus on Business

Freak 'n Leather rolls into Bradford



Cutting the ribbon, from right - Angie Andrews, mom Sue Veino, Larry Andrews, Cliff Ngai - Bradford Board of Trade President, Mayor Doug White (in leather) and Councillors Ron Simpson, Raj Sandhu and Carl Hordyk, February 2. Below right: Look-alike T-shirt, and co-owner Larry Andrews.

Owners Angie and Larry Andrews want Bradford residents to know: Freak 'n Leather is not a biker hang-out.

It is a professional clothing store that features riding apparel and fashion-wear, including Sons of Anarchy t-shirts, leather and other clothing, geared towards motorcycle enthusiasts of all ages - from baby-sized onesies, to extra-large leather greatcoats for adults. The store also carries motorcycle parts and accessories - and Larry Andrews brings his more than 35 years of experience as a motorcycle mechanic to the mix.

Freak 'n Leather opened on February 2 at its new location, 300 Holland St. West in Bradford. The store had been located in Newmarket, but construction on Davis Dr. and traffic congestion drove the Andrews to look for a new

locale

They chose Bradford, kept the Newmarket store open until the last Saturday in January, and then made the move in a single week. "It's been day and night," said Angie, getting ready for Saturday's ribbon-cutting. Among those who came out for the opening were Councillors Ron Simpson, Raj Sandhu, Carl Hordyk, and Mayor Doug White.

"I'm really proud of this Town. The people who live here, the people who work here - but the people who impress me most are the people who invest here," said White, congratulating Angie and Larry, and presenting them with a plaque, welcoming them to Bradford.

Freak 'n Leather is more than a store - it's a community hub for motorcyclists. It hosts Wednesday Night Bike Nights, with outdoor BBQs in summer, and indoor darts

games during the chilly winter months.

The store also supports the annual Ride for Autism, a Cancer Ride for the Canadian Cancer Society, and "Bikers Helping Santa" - collecting donations of toys for kids, and useful gift cards for residents of the Blue Door shelter. It's a clearing house for information on upcoming rides, new routes and stops, shared expertise and planned outings.

Freak 'n Leather is closed Mondays, but open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tues., Thurs. and Sat.; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Weds. ("Later, if they're having too much fun" at Bike Night); Fri. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sun. from noon to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 905-778-8585 or see www.freaknleather.com

"Freak 'n Leather carries a full range of clothing, from babies right up to - how old is our oldest biker? Eighty-seven. He's a war veteran," says JoJo, of Jewelled Originals by Joan O'Rourke, whose jewellery and belt buckles are on sale at Freak 'n Leather. "We're a clothing store, parts for your bike, really interesting gifts... and if somebody has a question, we can answer it."



BBT Town & Country Living Show

The Bradford Board of Trade is hosting a Town & Country Living Show on Saturday, April 13, at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre. Booths are only \$150 for BBT members, \$250 for non-members. For more information, contact the Board at www.bradfordboardoftrade.com or 905-778-8727. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

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2. What your marginal tax rate is today and what your marginal tax rate will be when you finally remove the funds. Generally, if your marginal tax rate is lower at the time the funds are removed from a registered plan at retirement, the RRSP option will usually produce a better result – but that is only true if your marginal tax rate actually is lower.

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There is no doubt that RRSPs and TFSAs play key roles in financial and retirement planning and there are strategies – like income-splitting – that you can use to reduce your taxable income and avoid clawbacks. Your professional advisor can help you decide what's best for your situation.

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Going Wild, in Nature

Join instructor Peter Burch for a **Winter Digital Photography Workshop** on Saturday, February 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area's Nature Centre. Burch, retired Watershed Coordinator with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, and former photographer for the Ministry of Natural Resources, will discuss light and camera settings, image composition, close-ups, landscapes, and wildlife photography. The workshop is geared towards the Basic to Intermediate level. Bring a camera - a tripod would be an asset. \$40 per person, includes coffee and muffins at 9 a.m. Please register with fee by Monday, Feb. 11. Pay by cheque, to Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation, 120 Bayview Parkway, Box 282, Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X1 or call Brenda Winter, 905-895-1281 ext. 263 to pay by credit card, or for more information.

York Simcoe Naturalists meet Tuesday, February 12 at River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Ave. In River Drive Park, off the Queensway Sideroad north of Holland Landing, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Wilma Millage, president of the Oak Ridges Trail Association. All welcome - hug a mug! For more information see www.facebook.com/yorksimoconaturalists

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Lumps and bumps

Lumps and bumps are very common in dogs and cats. Some of them are benign and some are cancerous. Unfortunately, we are not able to differentiate the two by feel or look alone. In general, if a growth is freely moveable, and has well defined margins, it is more likely to be benign but still needs to be assessed by a veterinarian.

Cancerous tumors are more common in purebred dogs and lumps that appear suddenly, are ulcerated and grow rapidly are more likely to be malignant. All masses should be evaluated by your veterinarian. A proper history will be important. When was the lump first noticed? Are others present? Is there any evidence of pain or scratching? For your vet to understand what the mass is and what the appropriate course of action and prognosis is, further testing will be required.

Though it is true that many masses are benign, not all are and those that are cancerous, or potentially cancerous, benefit from early detection and removal. So, if you are stewing about a mass that your pet (or yourself for that matter) has developed, get it checked out and don't be surprised and expect further testing.

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Wynne visits Bradford West Gwillimbury

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months: look at reducing the red tape, the overlapping jurisdictions, the maze of regulations - "Making sure we're not getting in the way." Wynne spoke of the importance of promoting local food in local supermarkets, and building on the already expanding export market.

"How do we do more? We've got some of the best agricultural land in the world. How do we make sure we can take advantage of that?"

Gwillimdale Farms, located on the 11th Line of Bradford West Gwillimbury, was the perfect setting for the Premier's visit. A 4th generation farm, it exemplifies the "new agriculture" in Ontario - a success that has been built through partnerships, innovation, and diversification.



John Hambly explained that his father was a dairy farmer, but Gwillimdale Farms - although it still has livestock - has diversified, beginning in 1995, into crops, grain storage, and since 2008, a world-class packing operation, that has put the Gwillimdale brand into markets across the country.

The Hamblys farm 2,700 acres, most of the acreage rented - the only way to be competitive in an area where land prices are driven up annually by development pressures. They use technology that includes satellite imaging to monitor their fields, and identify problems. And their storage and packing facility, with its state-of-the-art

technology imported from New Zealand and Germany, allows them to be competitive with California growers, providing produce that includes carrots, onions and potatoes, year-round.

Wynne toured the facility, spoke with some of the workers, and left with a better understanding of the challenges facing agriculture.



Above, John Hambly shows Premier Kathleen Wynne the finished product at Gwillimdale Farms' packing operation, as Cristina Hambly looks on. Left, bags of onions bear the Gwillimdale label.

TSC coming to the town of Bradford

Bradford is losing its Giant Tiger - the store, located in the Holland Marsh Square Plaza, is closing its doors on March 1 - but there may be another business ready to take its place.

TSC, described as a "Country Hardware Store" that sells primarily clothing, tools, pet supplies, farm equipment, gardening supplies, toys, hunting gear and automotive parts, is hoping to occupy 2,500 sq. m. of the plaza's retail space - including the former Giant Tiger store.

But first, a Zoning By-law Amendment is needed, to permit a 365 sq. m. outdoor sales and display area, typical of TSC stores.

The plaza is currently zoned Core Commercial (C1), which permits a wide range of uses - but not outdoor storage.

The rezoning would permit TSC to use the 11 parking spaces north of the former TD Bank for the storage of items that could include drainage pipe, stock tanks, trailers, lawn tractors, fertilizer and other

lawn and garden supplies, said Jane MacFarlane, Planner with Weston Consulting, at a Public Planning Meeting on February 5. The storage area would be locked and secured behind a 2.4 metre high masonry and wood fence.

The fence, and a request for a reduction in the front yard setback from 3 metres to 0 metres, were the only points of contention. Town Staff proposed that the fence be set back 1 to 2 metres from the property line, and that landscaping be used

"primarily to soften the appearance of the wall itself," said Director of Planning, Geoff McKnight.

"Some landscaping could hide that fence," agreed Councillor Ron Simpson. "This is in the downtown area. Let's do it right."

MacFarlane promised that the proposal would fit the character of the community, as well as support the agricultural sector and provide employment opportunities. She also agreed to work with Town staff to address concerns.

Friends of Scanlon Logo Competition

Last chance to enter The Friends of Scanlon Creek Committee logo design competition, open to both amateur and professional graphic artists in the Bradford West Gwillimbury area. There's no cash involved, but the chosen local designer will win "bragging rights", and a one-year pass to Scanlon Creek Conservation Area. Please submit work that is wholly original, with no existing or trademarked logos or artwork, created using a vector-based program, such as Adobe Illustrator. For official rules and guidelines, see LakesimcoeFoundation.ca. Email submissions to foundation@lscra.on.ca. Deadline is February 8, 2013.

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Arts & Entertainment



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Music In Motion Performing Arts Studio, 150 Artesian Industrial Pkwy in Bradford, presented a delightful production of Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, Feb. 2-3. MIMP! now focuses on its Spring productions - *Guys & Dolls*, *Sleeping Beauty*, and *Annie*. New students welcomed; see www.mimp.ca. Coming up: Free recitals, Feb. 23-24.

and Beeton - play multiple roles in this delightful play, directed by SST veteran Candy Pryce.

At the Old Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St., in Cookstown, February 7 to 24, with 8 p.m. performances on Thurs, Fri. and Sat., 2 p.m. Matinees on Sundays. Tickets available at the Box Office, 705-458-4432. The play is suitable for all ages.



The Bradford Legion, 115 Back St., presents a Neil Diamond Tribute, *"Diamond in the Rough"* with Joey Purpura on Saturday, February 23, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each in advance, available at the Legion - or \$25 at the door. A portion of sales go to support the Legion and its programs.

Fundraising concert for the Alzheimer Society of Greater Simcoe County will feature a *Touch of Scotland* - with Jim and Jean Duffy, pipers Mike Robb and Alex Vezina of the Bradford Pipes & Drums, Sanderson School of Highland Dance, emceed by radio personality Hugo Straney. At the Innisfil YMCA (Innisfil Recreation Complex, at Yonge St. and Innisfil Beach Rd.) on Saturday, March 30. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Concert at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 seniors and students, at the Y at 705-431-5877, Alzheimer Society, 702-22-6446 or Jim Duffy, 705-436-5027.

Church suppers, events, activities

Bond Head United Church is holding a **Roast Beef Dinner** - not in Bond Head, but at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Bradford, 10 Sideroad and the 8th Line on Saturday, February 9, 4:30 to 7 p.m. St. John's is fully handicapped-accessible. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for children ages 6 to 12, free for preschoolers. For information, call 905-775-2123 - tickets will be available at the door.

St. Paul's Anglican Church at Coulson's Hill (11th Line and Yonge St.) is holding a **Pancake Supper** on Tuesday, February 12, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Only \$5 per person - all welcome. Followed at 7 p.m. by Service of Imposition of Ashes, to begin the Lenten Season.

The Knights of Columbus host a **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner** at Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church in Bradford, at 4 p.m. on February 12. All welcome.

Gifford United Church hosts a **Roast Beef Supper** on Wednesday, February 27, with sittings at 5 and 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. Includes home-made pies! For tickets, please call 705-456-2006.

Trinity Anglican Church hosts a **Children's After School Program** on Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, Feb. 12 and 13 from 4 to 6 p.m., 62 Church St. in Bradford. Supper is included both days. No charge. For more information or to RSVP, call 905-775-2200. Note: Ash Wednesday Eucharist, with Imposition of Ashes, Feb. 13, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Trinity Anglican Church in Bradford offers monthly sessions on the **Gospel of Luke. Father Dan Graves will provide background on the Gospel with discussion to follow. Study notes will be posted online for those interested in reading along. Next session: Thursday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Free, but for more info or to sign up, contact 905-775-2200.**

CH Global fundraiser

CH Global, a Christian-based not-for-profit organization that aims to assist persons with "exceptional needs", is hosting a fundraising event on Saturday, February 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the new Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West. Crafts, bake table, used treasures, books, CDs, DVDs, a Silent Auction, and much more will appear. chglobal.org or visit www.facebook.com/chglobal

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MEETINGS

AL-ANON Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Marys of Japan Church basement, 167 Essa St. in Bradford. For

information, www.al-anon.alteon.org, or call 1-888-4AL-ANON.
SPK FOR SUCCESS
TOASTMASTERS: Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th

and 5th Tues. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 7.9 p.m. For information see www.speakforsuccess.org. All welcome.

WEEKLY BINGO: Innisfil Lions Club hosts a weekly Bingo, Mondays, 5 p.m. doors open, 6.45 p.m. Bingo begins at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Road, Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1826.

SHOUT SISTER CHOIR: The choir is looking for new members. Practices are Wednesday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Davis Room of Stouffville United Church, 34 Church St. N., Stouffville. www.shout-sisterchoir.ca. Shout Sister Church is hosting an Open House on Feb. 6, at 7 p.m., Stouffville United Church. Come for light refreshments, information, and singing.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Information to the Canadian School System Program, Parenting Workshops, Transitions, and Interpretation services. Form completion and document help, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: A free hot meal and fellowship for anyone on fixed income, social assistance, struggling

to make ends meet, lonely, or families trying to stretch their food budgets, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. Every Friday at 5:30 p.m. NOTE: THE BRADFORD COMMUNITY MEAL IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS, ESPECIALLY A COOK! CONTACT JOHANNE WILSON, 905-778-1841.
T.O.P.S.: TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) is a weight loss support group that meets at the Lions Pool Bldg. Tuesday evenings, 6-7 p.m. No charge to drop in and see what TOPS is all about. Membership is \$32 per year and \$2 per meeting. For details call 905-775-9018.

ST. MICHAEL'S ORTHODOX CHURCH: 73 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fund-raising projects and car washes roll sale every Friday, from noon to 6 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 12:30 to 4 p.m. info, call the church 905-551-1651.

WRITERS' CIRCLE AT COFFEE CULTURE: BWG Writers' Circle now meets socially every Tuesday, 7.9 p.m. at Coffee Culture in Bradford, by the fireplace! Exception is the 3rd Tues. of the month, when the Circle meets at the New Bradford Library.

SAT. FEB. 9

HOCKEY DAY IN BWG: Tyke and Pre-Tyke Hockey games played at the outdoor rinks at Bud Brown Park, Bond Head,

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pancake Breakfast, BBQ lunch, stroll the entertainment, giant snow slide, horse-drawn wagon rides - and hockey!

BOND HEAD UNITED CHURCH ROAST BEEF DINNER: Served up at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 10 Sideroad and the 8th Line BWG, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for kids ages 6 to 12, free for pre-schoolers. For more information, contact 905-775-2123. Tickets at the door.

VALENTINES DAY TEA: For preschoolers and their families, 10 a.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford. Pre-register at 905-775-3039 ext. 229.

VALENTINES DANCE: Bradford Volunteer Firefighters are hosting a Valentine's Dance at the Bradford Community Centre, 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 9. Admission provided by DJ Wayne Jones, only \$20 per person, \$35 per couple. Tickets available at Fire & Emergency HQ on Melbourne Drive, or from any volunteer firefighter. A fundraiser for community projects.

VALENTINES DANCE: The Barrie Ballroom Dance Club is holding a Valentine's Dance at the ANAF Club, 7 George St. in Barrie, 8 p.m. to midnight. \$13 members, \$15 guests. Includes a complimentary snack. For more information, call Barb at 705-726-2651 or see www.bdbdc.ca

SUN. FEB. 10

SLUDGE HOCKEY FUNDRAISER: Members of the National Sludge Hockey Team and All Star players from the Ontario Sludge Hockey Association will provide a demonstration of shooting, passing and breakaway skills, plus Sludge Hockey Game and Shoot-out at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg. The event is a fundraiser for the Accessibility Fund of York Pines United Church in Kettleby. Tickets are \$10, available from 905-727-5284 or 905-939-7786.

TUES. FEB. 12

YORK SIMCOE NATURALISTS MEET: 7:30 p.m. at River Drive Park in River Drive Park (off Queensville SR north of Holland Land-

ing). Guest speaker is Wilma Milford, Pres. of the Oak Ridge Trail Association.

WEDS. FEB. 13

OPEN HOUSE AT HMDCS: Holland Marsh District Christian School, 18955 Dufferin St. in Ansonveldt in the Holland Marsh, holds an Open House, 7-8 p.m.

THURS. FEB. 14

HEALTHY AGING AND STROKE PREVENTION WORKSHOP: Free Workshop presented by CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors) and the Central East Stroke Network, 10-11 a.m. at CHATS Med/Chir, 448 Holland St. West. Free, but please register at 1-866-677-5048 ext. 6211

WINTER CARNIVAL AND ANNIVERSARY: Holland Marsh District Christian School, 18955 Dufferin St. in Ansonveldt, Holland Marsh, hosts a Winter Carnival, and 70th Birthday celebration.

FRI. FEB. 15

LIBRARY ON THE LOOSE: Books, stories and surprises from the Bradford Public Library, at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 10:30 a.m. Drop in program for pre-schoolers.

SAT. FEB. 16

BARRIE-ALLANDALE MODEL TRAIN SHOW: Feb. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Feb. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery, Hwy. 30 and 27 in Barrie. Layouts, enthusiasts, vendors, model trains, food and souvenirs. Admission is \$6 adults, \$4 Srs. and students, free for kids under 6.

OUTDOOR DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP: Learn to take great outdoor photos, with instructor Peter Burch at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area in BWG. Beginner to intermediate level. Bring a camera, tripod would be an asset. \$40 per person incl. coffee and muffins at 9 a.m., at the Nature Centre. Pre-register with fee. For info, call Brenda Winter, 905-895-1281 ext. 263.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Springdale Christian Reformed Church
1488 Sideroad #6, Bradford.
905-775-5731
Sundays 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery
Pastor Paul Van Stralen
www.springdalecerc.net

Newton Robinson United Church
Hwy. 2 & Concession 10, Tecumseh.
Services 12:30 a.m.
905-775-5731

Bond Head United Church
Hwy. 68 east of Hwy. 27
11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery Available
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Trinity Anglican Church
62 Church St., Bradford
(Corner of Church & Jarvis St.)
Sunday Services 9am & 10:30am
905-775-2200
trinityanglicanchurchbradford.ca

St. John's Presbyterian
2940 - 10th Sideroad
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Priest 905-715-0105

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church
(Byzantine Rite)
94 Heam St. Bond Head, Simcoe (Burlington)
9:00am (Liturgy), 11:30am (English)
905-775-6862
info@stcathofalexandria.ca

Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church
18835 Dufferin St., R.R. #2 Newmarket
Sundays 10:00 am & 6:00 pm
Sunday School & Nursery with services
Mid-week youth & adult programs
Rev. Richard Borden
905-775-7291
E: hollandmarshcra@rogens.com

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford
905-775-3412
Sunday Service
11:15 a.m.
Rev Adrian Toms

Holy Marys of Japan Catholic Church
167 Essa St. Bradford 905-778-3005
Mass
Sat. 5:00 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Confessionals
1/2 hour before Sunday mass.

Bradford United Church
66 Barrie St.
905-775-7268
Service - 11 am
Sunday School & Nursery
Available
www.bradforduc.com

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
Coulbourn Hill
Caledonia (NW corner of County Rd. #4 & 11th Line)
Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School with Service
289-231-3253

Bradford Community Church
Mid-week service on the 5th corner of Hwy 11 & Concession 49
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery - 8:30 to 9:30 Children 4-12 yrs

Riverbide Baptist Chapel
905-836-1798
202040 Redburn (North of Hwy 11)
11:00 am - Family Bible Study
8:30 pm - Evening Service
7:30 pm Wed - Prayer - Bible Study
Kids Club Mon - 6:30pm Community Church

Bradford Baptist Church
3224-10th Sideroad
(2 km north of Holland St. W)
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Oh Valentine!

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Why not take your Significant Other out for an evening of Valentine's treats - dinner, dancing and more.

Thinking about your Valentine? The Bradford Firefighters are hosting a **Valentine's Dance** on Saturday, February 9, starting at 8 p.m. upstairs at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. Enjoy an evening of dancing to music provided by DJ Wayne Jones, only \$20 per person, or \$35 per couple. Tickets are available at Bradford West Gwillimbury Fire & Emergency Services HQ, at 75 Melbourne Drive, or from any volunteer firefighter!

The Barrie Ballroom Dance Club hosts its **Valentine's Dance** on February 9 at the ANAF Hall, 7 George St. in Barrie, from 8 p.m. until midnight. Admission tickets are \$13 for members, \$19 guests. Includes late snack. Call Barb for more information, at 705-726-2651 or go to www.bddc.ca

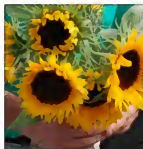
Kortright Centre for Conservation is offering a special **Valentine's Dinner and Nature Walk** on Saturday, February 16. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at the Centre, located at 9550 Pine Valley Drive (south of Major Mackenzie), followed by a Candlelit Dinner served at 7 p.m. - with choice of entrees that include Stuffed Chicken Breast with Ricotta and Spinach, Lemon Dill Baked Salmon, or Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms, served with maple-glazed baby carrots, green beans and herb roasted potatoes - finishing up with warm Apple Blossom and ice cream, and champagne and sweetberries.

Dinner will be followed by a twilight stroll, and hot chocolate served around the bonfire. The evening is only \$44.95 per person, plus taxes and gratuities - but please RSVP early to 416-667-8295.

The Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford is hosting **Festa do Carnaval** on Saturday, February 16 - featuring a Roast Beef dinner, with potatoes, rice, salad and dessert, dancing to Karma Band, and prizes for the best costumes. Tickets are only \$25 per person for adults, \$12 for children 12 and under, for members - and \$30 adults, \$15 children 12 and under for non-members. For tickets, call Tina at 905-775-4291 or Sara at 905-836-3213, or Luisa, 905-778-0363. The Portuguese Cultural Centre is located at 767 Simcoe Rd., south of Bradford.

The Innisfil YMCA is hosting a **Tween Valentine Dance**, for ages 10 to 13, at the Innisfil Recreation Complex this Saturday, February 9, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tweens can enjoy Dance, Pizza and a drink for only \$10, or Dance only, for \$5. There will also be face-painting, and a photo booth will be available. The dance is a fundraiser for an upcoming Innisfil/Newfoundland YMCA Youth Exchange.

If you plan to give your sweetheart flowers this Valentine's, why not send a secret message? Flowers have meaning. A daisy stands for innocence, Black-Eyed Susan for encouragement, and red roses - passion!



Implementing Public Transit in Bradford

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we needed transit, for the seniors, for the people in the downtown core - the sooner the better," Kiefer said, adding that he initially supported the hiring of a consultant, "to show due diligence." Now, he said, "I still think we have enough expertise in our community that we can move this forward. I'm surprised that we still need to hire a consultant."

Councillor Raj Sandhu disagreed, noting staff have said they "don't have the expertise" to oversee a transit plan. "We can't set it up for failure. If a consultant is needed to set it up right, we need to do that."

But Councillor Ron Simpson said that the plan will fail - because the proposal calls for bus service between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. "What ridership is going to ride on that bus between 9 and 5?" he said, arguing that the service needs to begin earlier and run later. "People will want to ride the bus to school, people will want to ride the bus to work at Walmart... This Town doesn't run on 9 to 5. The way it's designed here is not going to work."

Simpson called for another workshop - and for Beck to "come back with something reasonable - this is bound to fail."

Mayor Doug White pointed out that there was considerable consultation and debate, and that the transit plan was approved by a majority of Council. "Now we're at the next step, which is implementing our plan."

All public transit systems lose money, he said - but the need in Bradford was great, and "we agreed to start with something."

Council was told that there will be another workshop, to look at hours of operation and routes, "before too many more steps are taken" - and voted to recommend retaining Beck, "to assist Council and Staff with the implementation."

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Sports & Leisure

Watch for the Spring-Summer Guide!

The Spring/Summer 2013 Leisure Guide for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is now being printed, and will be delivered in the February 14 edition of The Bradford Times - listing all of the great activities for individuals and families to enjoy, including swim lessons, leisure swimming, leadership courses, fitness memberships, personal training, drop-in Gymnasium activities and leisure skating, at the BWG Leisure Centre.

New in the Guide - events that include Feb Fitness Fun Day in April; Teen Fitness Camp during March Break and the summer break; Bradford Lifesaving Club in Spring, and Junior Lifeguard Camp in Summer.

Access key information on Bradford's growing trail system, as well as contact information for community groups, and Town departments.

The Leisure Guide is a bi-annual publication that outlines many of the recreational opportunities both structured and passive in nature, for the residents of Bradford West

Gwillimbury," said Director of Leisure Services, Tom Graham. "The Leisure Centre is the main hub for recreational opportunities provided by the Town. Drop by and learn more about how to create a healthy lifestyle for you and your family."

High School Students Swim for Success

The Town of BWG is offering a new "Swim for Success" Aquatic Leadership program at the BWG Leisure Centre. The program is designed to provide high school students with aquatic qualifications, while they achieve two academic credits.

The two high school credits are IDP30 (Independent Study), and PAQ30 - Physical Education.

The aquatic qualifications include Bronze Medallion, Emergency First Aid, Bronze Cross, Standard First Aid, National Lifeguard Service and AED (Automated External Defibrillator).

The Program is being offered through the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, but

is open to any Ontario High School student. Cost is \$384 per participant.

Praising the partnership between the Town and the School Board, BWG Aquatics Supervisor Teresa Taylor noted, "This program achieves two key mutual goals - academic credit for the student, and skills necessary to be considered for employment in the aquatic field."

The program will be operated from February to June 2013, and space is limited.

Interested? High School students are asked to discuss the option with their principal, and register with BWG Leisure Services. For more information contact Teresa Taylor at 905-775-7529 ext. 8401.

It's Hockey Day in BWG



Young hockey player in last year's Hockey Day in BWG - a February tradition in the hamlet of Bond Head that features Tyke and Pre-Tyke hockey played outdoors.

It's here: the annual Hockey Day in BWG takes place Saturday, February 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the outdoor rinks at Bond Head's Bud Brown Memorial Park, beside the Bond Head Community Centre.

The tournament action for the Town's youngest players - Tykes and Pre-Tykes - begins at 8 a.m. The Bond Head Lions will serve up a hot pancake breakfast and later, a BBQ lunch in the hall, and there will be horse-drawn wagon rides, strolling entertainment, a giant snow slide in the park - and hockey, the way it's meant to be played.

This is the 5th year for Hockey Day in BWG, notes Manager of Recreation Nick Warner. The event "has been embraced by the Bradford West Gwillimbury Minor Hockey Association and is now part of the calendar for the Tyke and Pre-Tyke program" - and by hockey fans.

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Sports & Leisure

BWGMHA Local League action

ATOM 1L
 Dec. 22, NohkeKing #1 - 3, Bradford #4 - 2. Goals by Ben Polak from Damien Ochnik and Ryan Kiernan; and Charlie Mackenzie from Michael Carvalho and Sammy Alicandri. Great netminding by Aiden Morby.
 Dec. 23, Oak Ridges #3 - 5, Bradford #4 - 1. Lone goal by Charlie Mackenzie from Ben Polak and Jakob Lizzi.

Jan. 4, Bradford #4 - 4, Bradford #2 - 4. Bradford #4 goals by Sammy Alicandri, Charlie Mackenzie, Michael Carvalho and Ben Polak, from Carvalho, Jakob Lizzi, Ryan Kiernan, Alicandri (2) and Damien Ochnik. Great goaltending by Aiden Morby.

Jan. 5, Oak Ridges #1 - 7, Bradford #4 - 6, in a heart-breaking loss. Goals by Ben Polak and Michael Carvalho with a pair apiece, singles by Aiden Morby and Jakob Lizzi. Assists to Cameron Bass (2), Damien Ochnik (2), Charlie Mackenzie, Polak (2), Sammy Alicandri and Gavin Robinson. Great goaltending by Ryan Kiernan.

Jan. 20, Bradford #4 - 1, Oak Ridges #1 - 1. Tying goal by Jakob Lizzi, from Charlie Mackenzie and Russel Williams. Great effort in net by Ryan Kiernan.

Jan. 20, Beeton - 6, Bradford #4 - 1. Lone marker by Michael Carvalho, from Ben Polak.

Feb. 1, Innisfil #1 - 4, Bradford #4 - 1. Lone goal by Erik Rawding, from Melissa Brinkos.

Atom #4 in Blue & Gold Tourney
 BWGMHA hosts a Blue & Gold Atom Tourney, Jan. 25-27.

Game 1, Jan. 25, Bradford #4 - 9, Oakville Monsters - 3. Bradford scoring by Michael Carvalho with a hat trick, singles by Jakob Lizzi, Sammy Alicandri, Charlie Mackenzie, Aiden Morby (unassisted), Ben Polak and Melissa Brinkos. Helpers to Lizzi, Alicandri, Carvalho, Erik Rawding, Ben Polak (2), Mackenzie, Brinkos, and Damien Ochnik. Great goaltending by Ryan Kiernan.

Game 2, Bradford #4 - 4, Dourou Dukes - 4. Goals by Sammy Alicandri, Michael Carvalho, and Ben Polak with a pair. Assists to Carvalho, Russel Williams. Great netminding by Ryan Kiernan.

Game 3, Woolwich #2 - 4, Bradford #4 - 3. In a loss that knocked the team out of Blue and Gold contention. Goals by Jakob Lizzi, Sammy Alicandri and Ben Polak, on assists from Alicandri, Michael Carvalho and Lizzi. Great effort in net by Ryan Kiernan.

Report your Sports

Sports results? Please email them to the Editor at miriam.kings@sunmedia.ca. Photos should be sent as .jpeg or .tif file attachments, and at a high enough resolution to print in the newspaper.

BWGMHA Rep results: Playoffs!

MINOR PEEWEES

York-Simcoe Playoffs

Feb. 2, Bradford Everest Supply - 2, Markham - 2. Goals by Jacob Lush and Daniel Crosby, from Tristan Longfield, Evan Cribbie and Keegan

Steyn.

Feb. 4, Richmond Hill - 3, Bradford Everest Supply - 2. Scoring by Clark Carruthers and Brayden Heatley, from Matthew Barosso (2) and Noah Davidson.

Kraft Hockey Goes On nominations

Nominations are now open for **Kraft Hockey Goes On** - a contest recognizing the volunteers who keep hockey happening and the spirit of hockey alive, coast to coast.

"There are over 4 million hockey volunteers across Canada and it is because of their passion and dedication that Canadian children have the chance to play the game and dream big," said Jack Hewitt, VP of Marketing Insight & Services for Kraft Canada. "This is our way of saying thanks to these local hockey supporters for their commitment to Canada's favourite sport."

"Through Hockey Goes On, 25 individuals will be celebrated, and \$1 million awarded to Hockey Canada-affiliated organizations.

The top 5 nominees will each be able to award their chosen local hockey association with \$100,000. An additional 20 volunteers will receive \$20,000 each, for their associations. The program will also contribute \$100,000 to Hockey Canada, for Learn to Skate Programs.

Nominate a hockey volunteer at www.KraftHockeyGoesOn.ca. A panel of judges will narrow the nominations down to 100 nominees; Canadians will then be able to vote for their choice.

Deadline for nominations is March 8, 2013. Voting will take place March 23 and 24; the top nominees will be announced March 30. For more information see www.KraftHockeyGoesOn.ca.

Curling Corner: Leads & 2nds

The Leads & 2nds Bonspiel at the Bradford Curling Club is hosted by the Mixed Committee, and offers a great opportunity for a beginner or new curler to try the game. The Spiel, held January 25, included 2-8 end games, on-ice coaching, equipment for those who needed it, breakfast, lunch, and a prize for every participant.

As usual, the Bonsel filled quickly as 64 curlers took to the ice for a day of fun. This year's theme: "The 70s".

Curlers were invited to dress up in their best hell-hot-bottoms and disco wear, and compete for prizes of the ice as well. Congratulations to the Saturday Night Fever team who won Best Costumes in the 2nd Draw - and the team dressed in Leisure Suits and Afros, in the 1st Draw. Their prizes? Seasons 1 and 2 of 'That 70s Show'.

At right, Paul Raynor and Jessica Stevens, members of Saturday Night Fever, accept their prize for Best Costumes at the Leads & 2nds Spiel.



Above: Winning team in the 2nd Draw, "Alice Cooper". Below, wildest costumes in the 1st Draw, at the Leads & 2nds Bonsel Jan. 26



Rock 'n Roll Fun Spiel in Bradford

The 4th annual Spinal Cord Injury Ontario Rock 'n Roll Fun Spiel, sponsored by BPI Canada, takes place at the Bradford Curling Club on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event is a fundraiser for Spinal Cord Injury Ontario, but also raises awareness of the challenges facing those living with spinal cord injuries.

The Fun Spiel is open to curlers of all abilities and skill levels. Cost to sign up is only \$55 per person, or \$220 for a team of 4. Participants are also encouraged to raise additional pledges for the cause. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and for the team that raises the most in pledges!

Fee includes lunch, games, curling clinic, prizes, Silent Auction, massages and more.

The public is welcome to attend to watch the games, hush lunch and bid on the Silent Auction!

To register or for more information, contact Jennifer Berry, 705-726-4546 ext. 224 or 1-800-870-5670 or jennifer.berry@scionario.org or Cindy Kemp, 905-775-3564 or cindykemp@sympatico.ca. Please advise if equipment is needed. The Club is located at 125 Simcoe Rd.

Also coming up at the BCC:

Feb. 23 - Mixed Open Bonsel

March 8 - Village Inn Men's Bonsel.

Warden's Bonselpiel

Simcoe County Warden Cal Patterson invites the community to the Warden's Bonselpiel, in support of the Georgian Village Fundraising Campaign - for the new Georgian Village adult lifestyle community in Penetanguishene.

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Dominion Tankard in Barrie



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Team Joe Frans - Frans, Ryan Werenich, Jeff Gordia and Shawn Kaufman - at the opening ceremonies for the Dominion Tankard 2013, February 4 at the Molson Centre in Barrie. The team curls out of the Bradford Curling Club, and will be challenging Ontario's top Men's Curlers for the Provincial title - including defending champ, Glenn Howard.

As of February 5, Team Frans was in 7th place, with 1 win, 2 losses, after 3 games. For more information, see www.thedominationtankard2013.ca, or www.ontariocurlingtour.com

Warden's Bonspiel

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The Bonspiel takes place Tuesday, February 12 at the Penetanguishene Curling Club - and will welcome 4-time World Champion curler Glenn Howard and 6-time Scotiabank Tournament of Hearts participant Sherry Middaugh as special guests.

Registration is \$100 per person, \$400 per team. Spectator tickets are also available - and there will be a fundraising silent auction.

For more information, to register for the Bonspiel or for spectator tickets please call Cheryl Maurice at 705-726-9300 ext. 1425 or cheryl.maurice@simcoe.ca or visit simcoe.ca/dpt/lc/fundraising

Sledge Hockey fundraiser for accessibility

The Trisan Centre in Schomberg will be hosting a Sledge Hockey Exhibition game, featuring National Team members and All-Star players from the Ontario Sledge Hockey Association, on Sunday, February 10. The action begins at 3:30 p.m., and continues until 5 p.m.

During the warm-up, there will be a demonstration of shooting, passing and break-away skills, followed by Opening Ceremonies, and three periods of entertaining sledge hockey - and ending in an exciting shoot out. There will be door prizes

and snacks available at intermission.

The event is a fundraiser for the Accessibility Fund of the York Pines United Church in Kettleby. Tickets are \$10 each, available by calling Eleanor at 905-727-5284 or Shirley, 905-839-7768. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information call the church office at 905-727-8118 - and come out to the Trisan Centre on Feb. 10.

A special thank you to Drew Riddgen, GM of the Elmville Bears Sledge Hockey Club, and Brad Bowden, National team player, for their support.

Maple Leaf Skate for Easter Seals Kids

Skate with the Toronto Maple Leafs Alumni, at the 35th Annual Toronto Maple Leafs Skate for Easter Seals Kids, on Sunday, February 24 at the Air Canada Centre, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be autograph signings by the likes of Wendell Clark and Darryl Sittler, and the opportunity to skate with former Leafs. A complimentary lunch will be provided at the

end of each skating session, courtesy of Mr. Sub. Skaters must raise a minimum of \$150 in pledges; raise over \$175 in pledges to qualify for great prizes.

Register online at www.EasterSealsSkate.org and choose a skating session. Spectator tickets are available for only \$30 each, and include lunch.

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Focus on Community: Winter fun!

Winterfest is coming to Innisfil

The 2nd annual Freezin' for a Reason polar bear dip in Lake Simcoe will take place Saturday, February 23 at Innisfil Beach Park as part of Innisfil's annual Winterfest celebration. In 2012, 20 polar bears raised nearly \$12,000 for the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation and other causes. Individuals are asked to raise a minimum of \$200 (or \$600 for a team of 4), to participate in the dip. Visit www.LakeSimcoeFoundation.ca for more information or to register for the fun event, and to raise money for environmental programs and projects. Prizes will be awarded to the top fundraising individual and team, as well as wackiest costumes. Polar Bears will hit the water around 1:30 p.m. Or participate as part of the Innisfil Community Events Corporation (ICE)



Newmarket held its Winterfest on February 2 and 3 - with activities that included rides on the Tim Hortons Express. Here Holden, 9, and Dad Scott enjoy a ride on the Town-owned train, at Fairy Lake Park.

Corp.) team. Visit www.icecorp.org to download entry forms, waivers and pledge forms; must raise at least \$25 in pledges.

Winterfest takes place at Innisfil Beach Park from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the 23rd, and will include both a Sno-Pitch Tourney and the 9th annual Fishing for Tyler Ice fishing derby - a fundraiser for Innisfil teen Tyler French, who has been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Funds raised help pay for intensive behavioural intervention therapy for Tyler. Minimum donation is \$10; there will also be a fundraising BBQ - and plenty of great prizes for all of the participants. Registration starts at 7 a.m., weigh-in ends at 1 p.m. As in previous years, if the ice is unsafe, anglers can fish from shore. For more information, to sign up, or donate, contact fourfriends@bell.net.

Don't miss the annual Lions Pancake Breakfast, at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd. from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday, February 24. Come out and support Lions' projects.

Family Day activities, including RBC Free Skate!

The Town of BWG is hosting Family Day Activities on Monday, February 18, at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. in Bradford. The Centre will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., for a number of family-friendly activities on the holiday.

- RBC Financial is sponsoring Free Leisure Skating on both runs, from 9:40 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.
- The Lions Aquatic Centre will be open for Lane Swimming and Parent & Tot swimming from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Afternoon Leisure Swimming from 1:15 to 4 p.m. Regular admission rates apply.
- The gym will be open for fun and activities, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Scanlon Creek Family Fun Day will be a great afternoon in Nature, at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, from 1 to 4 p.m. Activities will include kick-sledding, guided nature hikes, a scavenger hunt, indoor children's craft area, hot chocolate and a bonfire. Guided hikes and kick-sledding outings will take place at 1:30 and 2:45 p.m. Meet in the Nature Centre Parking lot.

Note: to support the park, there will be an entrance fee of \$10 per vehicle - but no charge for those who have a Scanlon Creek Annual Day-Use Pass. For more information on Family Fun Day, or to purchase a Day-Use Pass, contact Brenda Winter at 905-955-1281 ext. 263 or email b.winter@lscra.on.ca Scanlon Creek CA is located at 2450 - Line 9 BWG.

The Elman W. Campbell Museum, located at 134 Main St. South in Newmarket, hosts Toyland at the Museum on Family Day, Feb. 18. Try the old-fashioned wooden toys, enjoy activities involving antique toys, dress up, see the model train and Fairy Tale displays, and go on a Museum Scavenger Hunt, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For kids ages 4 to 10; cost is only \$3 per participant, with a donation of non-perishable food for the Newmarket Food Pantry. For more information, call 905-953-5314 or email

elmannuseum@grogers.com

The Simcoe County Museum hosts its 4th annual Family Day snowshoeing and tobogganing extravaganza on February 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enter the Really Big Shoe Snowshoe and Orientation Race at 10 a.m., to win prizes - warm up with a bowl of chili or a hot dog in the Games room - check out the new Top Secret: Mission Toy exhibit on loan from the Canadian Museum of Civilization. Do you have the oldest toboggan? The biggest? The strangest? Enter the Sliding through the Ages toboggan competition - register by 1:15 p.m., for racing at 1:30 p.m.

Regular admission rates apply - Adults \$6, Seniors and Students \$5, Children \$4. For information see museum.simcoe.ca or call 705-728-3721.



Kick-sledding at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area at last year's Family Day event. Families are invited out on February 18 to try kick-sledding, and enjoy guided hikes, a scavenger hunt, kids' crafts, hot chocolate and a bonfire. Admission to the park is \$10 per vehicle.

Bradford Sno-Pitch Tourney

It's official. The Bradford Mixed Sno-Pitch Tourney, originally scheduled for February 9, has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 2. Cost is \$240 per team - each team must include at least 3 ladies. A safety ball will be used. Prizes for the Division winners!

For more information or to register a team, contact Paul at 289-338-2613 or Terry at 647-226-7042.

Spin 4 Kids!

On Saturday, March 2, GoodLife Fitness employees, members, non-members, friends and family from coast to coast ride Indoor cycles, participating in the 2nd annual Spin 4 Kids, in support of the GoodLife Kids Foundation.

The Foundation supports Boys and Girls Clubs and other organizations providing services and support for children. To date, GoodLife Kids Foundation has given out nearly \$1 million to more than 80 organizations, assisting almost 200,000 kids.

Among the participating locations: the Aurora Centre, and GoodLife Fitness in Barrie's Commerce Park. To participate in Spin 4 Kids, see www.spin4kids.com

Bowling for Kids' Sake

Big Brothers Big Sisters of York is gearing up for its annual Bowling for Kids' Sake community fundraisers - bowling to raise money for the organization which provides mentoring and Big-Little matches for kids in York Region and Bradford West Gwillimbury.

The Bradford Community Day, hosted at Bradford Bowl, will be taking place on Sunday, March 3, at 1 and 3 p.m. To sign up your team, raise funds, and enjoy an afternoon of 5-pin bowling and prizes, see www.bbby.ca

Wishing Well Sanctuary March Break Camp for Kids

Wishing Well Sanctuary on the 10th Line of BWG is offering a unique camp experience during March Break, March 11 to 15 - a week of fun-filled physical activities, creative expression and joyful interaction with the animals in the Sanctuary's care.

The March Break Camp is open to children ages 8 to 12. Participants will learn about the natural environment, the characteristics of the animals at Wishing Well, and participate in animal-centred educational activities.

Creativity will be nurtured through reading, writing and painting. There will also be a Sleep-over, for those who wish to participate, on Thursday, March 14.

For more information, or to sign up, see www.wishingwell-sanctuary.org or call 905-775-9179.

Tim Hortons Camp opportunity

Do you know or have any 13 to 18 year olds who could use a weekend getaway? Tim Hortons has once again partnered with CrossTrainers Canada and The Hub Youth Centre of Bradford to offer a winter camp experience, Friday, March 1 to Sunday, March 3. This is an opportunity for youth who rarely get a chance to go to camp, and will feature team-building activities, fun, skills, and all-round good times.

The Hub has 50 spots available, on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost is only \$5. If interested, contact Jenna for permission and application forms, at jenna@cmministries.ca

Focus on Youth

Girls Inc. equestrian camp at Foxwood

Girls Inc. of York Region and South Simcoe is a non-profit youth organizations that seeks to empower girls, helping them develop to their full potential, and create an equitable society. Its goal: to offer gender-specific programming that inspires girls to be "Strong, Smart and Bold," including dance programs in elementary schools, after-school Sports, Photography Workshops and special events.

Girls Inc. has partnered with Foxwood Farm equestrian centre in Bradford West Gwillimbury, to offer a unique Equestrian program for girls ages 9 to 14. The first one-day Girls Inc. Equestrian Camp took place on Friday, Feb. 1 at the stable on the 13th



Line. Thirteen girls participated in the all-day camp, starting at 9:45 a.m. with an introduction to the chores, from mucking out stalls to bringing in the hay, that are part of life around horses. "We explained, you've got to do all the chores before you ride," said Robyn Freer, owner of Foxwood.

Freer was thrilled with the interest, enthusiasm and "the excitement - because it's something new to them."

The girls learned about grooming, and were shown how to saddle up, before taking to the indoor riding ring. One group rode, with

supervision, while the other group of girls stayed in the tack room, working on crafts that included painted horseshoes and woven horsehair bracelets, waiting for their turn in the ring.

It was a successful beginning for the new program - and one that received a lot of community support.

Lyn Thompson-Alcock, Girls Inc. Executive Director, and Freer had asked for donations of helmets for the girls. The response was outstanding, and they thank Lisa MacIag, the Disette Animal Hospital in Bradford, and Paul and Marilyn Freer for making financial donations for the purchase of helmets; Phoenix Performance Products for selling the helmets at "a fantastic price"; Jara Vienot of Mainstreet Musings for gloves; Linda Maclean for donating Horse Sport magazines for each girl, and all of the great helpers - Jacque Moro, Sgt. Al Jenkins, Al Bryan, Emily Maclean and Jacklyn Mantion.

For more information on Girls Inc., including upcoming Equestrian Camps offered during March Break or in the Summer, see www.girlsinyc.org or call Foxwood Farm at 905-775-0155.

Photo: Learning to groom a horse.

Teen Zine Workshop @ Bradford Public Library

Calling all teen artists and writers - learn how to create your own Zine, with Lindsay Gibb, editor of Broken Pencil, The Magazine of Zine Culture and the Independent Arts.

The Zine Machine Workshop will be held Wednesday, February 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West.

The workshop is free, but please pre-register at Borrower Services, 905-775-3328, ext. 6100.

"Zine: A non-commercial, often home-made or online publication usually devoted to specialized and often unconventional subject matter" - Merriam-Webster Dictionary

The BWG Friends of the Library are gearing up for their annual Spring Book Sale - looking for donations of "gently used" paperbacks in good condition, current fiction and non-

fiction, children's books, CDs and DVDs. Please, No moldy or damaged books, text books, Reader's Digest Condensed Books or magazines.

There will be a Preview evening sale on Friday, March 22, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. - admission \$10 per family, to be among the first to check out the donated books - with the main Book Sale on Saturday, March 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., no admission fee. The Book Sale will take place in the main entry, and the Zima Room at the Library, 425 Holland St. West.

The Library is offering an International Language After-School Program, in partnership with the Simcoe County District School Board Learning Centres, that is open to all students in Grades 1 through 8. Learn Urdu on Tuesdays, in a 14-week course that starts February

19. The free classes run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Register at your local public library, or call 905-775-4432 or visit www.thelearningcentres.com (select "Elementary Students", then "International Language Program, and scroll down to On-Line Registration). A minimum of 23 students needed, to offer the class.

Creative Activities For Creative Minds, for ages 2 and up with Michelle DeGasperis, is offered Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the Children's Program Room - only \$5 per class. Register at Borrower Services. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Create a heart-shaped *Love Garland* - Feb. 11 or 12; *Fireplace* Using paint, paper, cellophane and wood - Feb. 19 or March 4 (Feb. 18 is a holiday); *Monkey Madness* - Feb. 25 or 26.

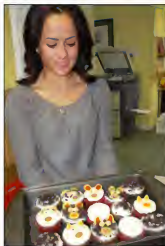
70th Anniversary at Holland Marsh District Christian School

Holland Marsh District Christian School, located at 18955 Dufferin St. in Ansnerdelt, in the Holland Marsh, is hosting a number of community events, to celebrate its 70th Birthday of providing faith-based education. On Wednesday, February 13, the school hosts an **Open House** from 7 to 8 p.m.

On Thursday, February 14, HMDCS will hold a **Winter Carnival** all day at the School. And on Saturday,

February 23, the School will formally celebrate its 70th Anniversary, with a **Gala at Cardinal Golf Club**, 2740 Davis Drive West in Kettleby. Tickets are \$130 per person, \$110 for a table of 10. Reception at 6:30 p.m., Four Course dinner at 7 p.m., Silent Auction, live entertainment by Flashback, late-evening Sweet Table. To RSVP, contact the HMDCS office at 905-775-3701 or email hmdcs@hmdcs.ca

National Cupcake Day!



Bradford Times Sales Rep Luisa Perdz with Oreo Cupcakes - created to raise money for National Cupcake Day for the Animals. She'll be selling cupcakes at The Times, 74 John St. West, on Wednesday, Feb. 13 - hoping to reach her target of \$300.

Cupcakes are hot. There are bakeries that specialize in cupcakes, "Cupcake Wars" on the Food Network, and terms like Chocolate Ganache and Red Velvet have entered the popular lexicon.

Now the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is inviting cupcake-lovers everywhere to participate in Canada's first-ever National Cupcake Day on Monday, February 25.

Participants are asked to bake their best cupcakes, host a cupcake party or share cupcakes with family, friends and colleagues, all to raise money to fight animal cruelty, and support SPCAs and Humane Societies across the country.

Register online at www.nationalcupcakeday.ca. Participants will receive a free Cupcake Hot Welcome package in the mail, including a poster, stickers, balloons, and fundraising guide - and can set up an online bakery, encouraging friends and family members to donate online. Then on February 25, hold a National Cupcake Day Party, at home, work, school or anywhere else that cupcakes are welcome, to raise funds for animal rescue. Money collected should be sent to local SPCAs or Humane Societies, to give surrendered animals a new home, rescue neglected or abused animals, and provide emergency medical care.

Scouts' Bingo Bowling!

1st Bradford Scouting is holding a fun-filled evening of Bingo Bowling, February 23 at Bradford Bowl - for adults only! Cost is \$20 per person, for an evening of Bowling, Door Prizes, Pizza and snacks, a raffle, Silent Auction, and prizes for the winning teams. Begins at 6:30 p.m., and bowling and fun continue until 11:30 p.m. A fundraiser, to send Scouts to the Canadian Jamboree in July.

Sign up at Bradford Bowl, at the counter. For more information, call Lloyd at 905-778-0809 or email ldwolf@gmail.com. Bowlers of all skill levels are welcome. Register early - space is limited!

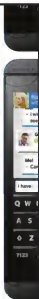
Model Train Show in Barrie

The 43rd annual Barrie-Allandale Model Train Show, February 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Feb. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery, Hwy. 90 & Hwy. 27 in Barrie. Adults \$6, Srs & Students \$4, kids under 6 are free.



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